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IN THE CLAIMS

A list of the pending claims is presented below. No claim amendments are included.

1. (Previously presented) A method for conveying individualized content in a distributed computer system, said method comprising:
 - broadcasting a plurality of modules from a server to a plurality of client devices,
 - at least one of said modules having an associated module number, wherein said plurality of modules are not broadcast responsive to a client request;
 - sending search criteria from a client device of the plurality of client devices to the server, subsequent to said broadcasting;
 - receiving the search criteria at the server and identifying a qualifying module number which corresponds to the search criteria;
 - sending the qualifying module number to the client device;
 - receiving the qualifying module number at the client device; and
 - retrieving a first module of said modules at the client device, in response to matching the received qualifying module number to said first module.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying information corresponding to the first module on a display associated with said client device.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
 - a viewer generating a video request based upon said displayed information, said video being associated with said first module;
 - sending said video request to said server; and
 - sending a video corresponding to said video request from the server to the client device.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:
 - inserting the requested video in a designated channel location in a broadcast;
 - sending the designated channel location from the server to the client device; and

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using the designated channel location to retrieve the requested video from the broadcast at the client device.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:
sending a broadcast time for the requested video to the client device;
inserting the requested video in a broadcast at the broadcast time; and
retrieving the video from the broadcast at the client device at the broadcast time.
6. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising continuously sending said video from the server until an acknowledgement of receipt is received by the server from the client device.
7. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising continuously sending said video from the server for a predetermined period of time.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a selected advertisement associated with the search request to the client device.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said advertisement comprises a video.
10. (Previously Presented) A distributed computing system for conveying individualized content, said system comprising:
a server configured to broadcast a plurality of modules to a plurality of client devices, at least one of said modules having an associated module number, wherein said plurality of modules are not broadcast responsive to a client device request; and
a client device coupled to receive said modules, wherein said client device is configured to:
receive search criteria from a user; and
send said search criteria to the server, subsequent to the server broadcasting said modules;

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wherein said server is further configured to receive the search criteria, identify a qualifying module number corresponding to the search criteria, and send the qualifying module number to the client device; and
wherein said client device is further configured to:
receive the qualifying module number; and
retrieve a first module of said modules, in response to matching the received qualifying module number to said first module.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein said client device is further configured to:
generate a video request based upon information corresponding to the first module;
send said video request to said server; and
receive a video corresponding to said video request from the server, in response to said request.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein said server is further configured to insert the requested video in a designated channel location in a broadcast and send the designated channel location to the client device, and wherein the client device is further configured to use the designated channel location to retrieve the requested video from the broadcast.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the server is further configured to send a broadcast time for the requested video to the client device and insert the requested video in a broadcast at the broadcast time, and wherein the client device is further configured to retrieve the video from the broadcast at the broadcast time.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein said server is configured to continuously convey said requested video until an acknowledgement of receipt is received from the client device.

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15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein said server is further configured to:
- identify an advertisement associated with the search request; and
 - send the advertisement to the client device.
16. (Previously Presented) A client device for use in a distributed computing system, said client device comprising:
- circuitry configured to receive a broadcast signal comprising a plurality of modules, at least one of said modules having an associated module number, said plurality of modules not being broadcast responsive to a request from a client device;
 - processing circuitry configured to:
 - receive search criteria from a user;
 - send said search criteria to a server, subsequent to the broadcast of said modules;
 - receive from said server a qualifying module number, said number corresponding to the search criteria; and
 - retrieve a first module of said modules, in response to matching the received qualifying module number to said first module.
17. (Previously Presented) The client device of claim 16, wherein said processing circuitry is further configured to:
- generate a video request based upon information corresponding to the first module;
 - send said video request to a server; and
 - receive a video corresponding to said video request from the server, in response to said request.
18. (Previously presented) A broadcast station for use in a distributed computing system, said broadcast station comprising:
- a database; and

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a server coupled to said database, wherein said server is configured to:

- broadcast a plurality of modules to a plurality of client devices, at least one of said modules having an associated module number, wherein said plurality of modules are not broadcast responsive to a client request;
- receive search criteria from one of said client devices;
- identify a qualifying module number corresponding to the search criteria, and send the qualifying module number to the client device;
- receive a video request from said client device, said request being based upon information corresponding to the qualifying module;
- retrieve a video corresponding to said video request from said database, in response to said request; and
- convey said retrieved video to said client.

19. (Original) The broadcast station of claim 18, wherein said server is further configured to:

- identify an advertisement associated with the received search criteria;
- retrieve the advertisement from the database; and
- sending the advertisement to the client device.

20. (Previously presented) A computer readable medium containing program instructions, wherein said program instructions are executable to:

- broadcast a plurality of modules from a server to a plurality of client devices, at least one of said modules having an associated module number, wherein said plurality of modules are not broadcast responsive to a client request;
- send search criteria from a client device of the client devices to the server, subsequent to said broadcasting;
- receive the search criteria at the server and identify a qualifying module number corresponding to the search criteria;
- send the qualifying module number to the client device;
- receive the qualifying module number at the client device; and

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retrieve a first module of said modules at the client device, in response to
matching the received qualifying module number to said first module.

21. (Original) The medium of claim 20, wherein said program instructions are further executable to display information corresponding to the first module on a display associated with said client device.

22. (Original) The medium of claim 21, wherein said program instructions are further executable to:

generate a video request based upon said displayed information, said video being
associated with said first module;
send said video request to said server; and
send a video corresponding to said video request from the server to the client
device.

23. (Original) The medium of claim 22, wherein said program instructions are further executable to identify and send a selected advertisement associated with the search request to the client device.